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1. From 22 to 24 January 1954, a course of instruction for VEB functionaries who were to be trained as leaders of factory police groups was held in the railway repair shop on Revaler Strasse in Berlin-Friedrichshain. Similar courses were held in all boroughs of East Berlin.
2. Every plant had to activate a special factory police group of 62 SED members. Reliable non-partisan persons were assigned to these groups by way of exception. Minor plants were to activate factory police squads of one leader and five men. The SED central committee made the activation and training of these groups confidential. Marksmanship training with model KK-110 5.6-mm single-round rifles was provided by the Gesellschaft fuer Sport and Technik
3. Each special factory police group included one group leader; one deputy and political leader, who generally was the first party secretary; one director of training in charge of basic training and marksmanship training; one operations leader; one supply squad of seven men including 1 litter bearer, 1 ration supply expert, 1 ordnance supply expert, 2 messengers and 2 radio operators if radio equipment was available; and four platoons each numbering one leader and 12 men.
4. three stages of alert were planned. The first stage was indicated by a Christian name for women or men and involved assembling and establishing communication to the Party and the VP. The second stage was indicated by a surname and involved the measures of the first stage, the alert of all members of the group and the surveillance of telephone connections and lighting circuits. The third stage was indicated by a street name and involved defense against attack.

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Comment. These special factory police groups possibly are the so-called "Arbeiterwehr" (Workers' Force) whose activation was prepared after the summer of 1953 and which allegedly exists besides Betriebsschutz A and B (factory police).

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